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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Ly T. TRAN	Art Unit 2853	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/23/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Angulo (EP 1 029 696).

With respect to claim 1, Angulo disclose an recording apparatus comprising:

- A carriage (fig.7: element 20) for carrying a recording head and scanning movable in the apparatus
- A guide shaft (fig.7: element 32) for guiding the carriage in a predetermined scanning direction
- A drive transmitting portion (element 31) for transmitting a driving force for scanning movement of the carriage
- An elongated member (fig.7: element 33) in which information relating to a position of the carriage in the predetermined direction is record, the elongated member being elongate in the predetermined direction and the elongated member is disposed across the carriage from the guide shaft

- Detecting member (fig.8:element 133) provided in the carriage for detecting information relating to the position in the predetermined direction record in the elongated member

With respect to claim 2, Angulo discloses the drive transmitting portion (element 31) is disposed in the same side of the guide shaft (element 32) with respect to the carriage (element 20)

With respect to claim 3, Angulo discloses the recording head is detachably mounted to the carriage and is provided with a casing having an opening for detachably mounting the recording head (page 9: line 30-37)

With respect to claim 4, Angulo discloses a head set lever for mounting and demounting the recording head relative to the carriage and a latch engagement portion for engagement with a latch portion of the head set (Fig.2, 3: element 12, 14, 16-19 and 43)

With respect to claim 6, Angulo discloses the carriage is provided with a cover portion for covering the elongated member (fig.7).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 5 is allowable over prior art of record because at least prior art have not been found to anticipate or teach the latch engagement portion is disposed at a lateral side of the detecting member with respect to the scanning direction of the carriage.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ly T. TRAN whose telephone number is 571-272-2155. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30am-5pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on 571-272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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November 17, 2005



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